GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants - Home Department – Allegation of corruption against Sri Kothapalli Ramachandra Rao, S/o late Manikyam, Sub-Inspector of Police, Maharanipeta Police Station, Visakhapatnam City – Trapped on 16.11.2015 – Sanction for Prosecution - Orders - Issued.

HOME (SC.A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 21 **Dated: 17-02-2017**

ORDER:-

Whereas, Sri Kothapalli Ramachandra Rao, S/o late Manikyam, worked as Sub-Inspector of Police, Maharanipeta Police Station, Visakhapatnam City from 23-11-2013 to 16-11-2015 and by virtue of the post held by him, falls under the category of a Public Servant as defined under section 2 (c) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988).

2. And whereas, Sri Lanka Dasaradha Rao, S/o late Arjun, is a resident of SC Colony, Vemulavalasa village, Anandapuram Mandal, Visakhapatnam District. Earlier, he resided at Gollapalem, Visakhapatnam City. Smt. Kundeti Sridevi and her family members were his neighbours at Gollapalem and they are close family friends. On 09.11.2015, one Smt. Bankapalli Srilakshmi and Smt. Kundeti Sridevi went to him and informed that on 05.11.2015 morning, Smt. Nambaru Padmavathi, Tax Collector, Zone-III, GVMC, Visakhapatnam lodged a complaint against Smt. Kundeti Sridevi and Smt. Bankapalli Srilakshmi alleging that they assaulted and threatened her with dire consequences. On which, on 08.11.2015 (Sunday) morning at about 9 a.m., police personnel of Maharanipeta Police Station came to the houses of Smt. Kundeti Sridevi and Smt. Bankapalli Srilakshmi and took them to Maharanipeta Police Station and recorded their statements and released at 5 p.m from the Police Station. Smt. Kundeti Sridevi and Smt. Bankapalli Srilakshmi requested Sri Lanka Dasaradha Rao to help them to come out from the said case. As such, on 12.11.2015 at about 7 p.m when Sri Lanka Dasaradha Rao, along with Smt. Kundeti Sridevi and Smt. Bankapalli Srilakshmi went to the Police Station and approached Sri Kothapalli Ramachandra Rao, Sub Inspector of Police, Maharanipeta Police Station, Visakhapatnam City, the SI informed that he will arrest Smt. Kundeti Sridevi and Smt. Bankapalli Srilakshmi and send them for remand. Then Sri Lanka Dasaradha Rao explained the financial status of the women and their incapacity to engage an advocate and requested to release them on station bail. On that, Sri Kothapalli Ramachandra Rao instructed his staff to put them in lock up by saying do not say law points to him. After repeated requests made by Smt. Kundeti Sridevi and Smt. Bankapalli Srilakshmi, the Sub-Inspector Sri Kothapalli Ramachandra Rao demanded Rs.30,000/- to release them on station bail. Though they expressed their inability to pay such huge amount, Sri Kothapalli Ramachandra Rao insisted and asked to bring the demanded bribe. After repeated requests made by Smt. Kundeti. Sridevi and her sister, Sri Kothapalli Ramachandra Rao reduced the bribe amount to Rs. 10,000/- and informed them to bring the bribe amount,

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copies of Aadhar Cards and Passport size photos to the Police Station on 16.11.2015 evening. They reluctantly agreed for it. As they had no amount with them, they pledged their gold ornaments in Manappuram Finance Ltd., and got Rs.23,000/-. But as they were unwilling to give the demanded bribe to Sri Kothapalli Ramachandra Rao, Sub Inspector of Police, Maharanipeta Police Station, with the help of Sri Lanka Dasaradha Rao, they came to the O/o Dy. Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, Visakhapatnam and submitted written report on 14.11.2015 at 1100 hrs to take necessary action against Sri Kothapalli Ramachandra Rao, Sub Inspector of Police, Maharanipeta Police Station.

3. And whereas, the DSP, Anti- Corruption Bureau, Visakhapatnam , after following due procedure registered the said report as a case in Crime No.29/RCT-VSP/2015, u/s 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988) at 1600 hours on 16.11.2015 and investigated into the matter.

4. And whereas, during the course of trap, on 16.11.2015 at 21.20 hours, Sri Kothapalli Ramachandra Rao, Sub Inspector of Police, Maharanipeta Police Station was caught red handed at his room at Maharanipeta Police Station,Visakhapatnam City when he further demanded and accepted the bribe amount of Rs.10,000/- from Sri Lanka Dasaradha Rao. In pursuance of the information given by Sri Kothapalli Ramachandra Rao the bribe amount of Rs. 10,000/- was recovered from the right side upper portion of his table draw. The serial numbers of the said currency notes tallied with the serial numbers of currency notes mentioned in the Pre-trap proceedings. The fingers of both the hands of Sri Kothapalli Ramachandra Rao, Sub Inspector of Police, Maharanipeta Police Station and the swab collected from three visiting cards that came into contact with the tainted currency yielded positive result when subjected to chemical test. The DSP, ACB, Visakhapatnam seized the tainted cash of Rs. 10,000/-, resultant solutions and other connected records.

5. And whereas, the above said acts of Sri Kothapalli Ramachandra Rao, Sub Inspector of Police, Maharanipeta Police Station, Visakhapatnam City constitute offences punishable U/Ss 7 and 13(2) r/w 13(1) (d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988).

6. And whereas, Government of Andhra Pradesh, being the competent authority to remove Sri Kothapalli Ramachandra Rao, Sub Inspector of Police, Maharanipeta Police Station from the service, after fully and carefully examining the material (i.e. FIR, pre& post trap proceedings, statements of witnesses, made up files , explanation of Sri K. Ramachandra Rao and final report of DG, ACB etc.,) placed before them in respect of the above case and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, consider that Sri Kothapalli Ramachandra Rao, Sub Inspector of Police, Maharanipeta Police Station should be prosecuted in a Court of Law for the aforesaid offences.

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7. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under Clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988), Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accord sanction for prosecution of Sri Kothapalli Ramachandra Rao, Sub Inspector of Police, Maharanipeta Police Station for the above said offences punishable under section 7 and clause (d) of sub-section (1) of section 13 read with sub-section (2) of section 13 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988), and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of Law for the time being in force in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau,
Andhra Pradesh.
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